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CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF TRIBAL CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has prepared any action plan for the preservation and promotion of languages, folk dances, art and culture of the tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the financial assistance given to various agencies/NGOs by the Union Government for the purpose during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Culture has a number of programmes to preserve and promote tribal culture and folk art. They include a number of programmes sponsored by the Indira Gandhi Rashtirya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, Zonal Cultural Centres and the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata. Besides, a number of multipurpose cultural complexes have been built in various parts of North-East and the Himalalyan belt. In addition, the Ministry of Culture has other ongoing Schemes including a specific scheme for Preservation and Promoion of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture. Under this scheme, Voluntary organizations, Institutions and Individuals both tribal and non-tribal, who are engaged in the preservation of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture are provided financial assistance.

(c): The details of the financial assistance given to various agencies/NGOs during last three years is as under:

Financial Year	Amount released
2001-2002	Rs.95,00,000/-
2002-2003	Rs.95,00,000/-
2003-2004	Rs.59,74,228/-